

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 300 of 1949

257.216 Vehicles subject to registration and certificate of title provisions; exceptions.

Sec. 216. Every motor vehicle, pickup camper, trailer coach, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer, when driven or moved upon a highway, is subject to the registration and certificate of title provisions of this act except the following:

(a) A vehicle driven or moved upon a highway in conformance with the provisions of this act relating to manufacturers, transporters, dealers, or nonresidents.

(b) A vehicle that is driven or moved upon a highway only for the purpose of crossing that highway from 1 property to another.

(c) An implement of husbandry.

(d) Special mobile equipment for which the secretary of state may issue a special registration to an individual, partnership, corporation, or association not licensed as a dealer to identify the equipment when being moved over the streets and highways upon payment of the required fee.

(e) A vehicle that is propelled exclusively by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires though not operated upon rails.

(f) Any vehicle subject to registration, but owned by the government of the United States.

(g) A certificate of title need not be obtained for a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer weighing less than 2,500 pounds.

(h) A vehicle driven or moved upon the highway only for the purpose of securing a weight receipt from a weighmaster as is required in section 801, or for obtaining a vehicle inspection by a law enforcement agency before titling or registration, and then only by the most direct route.

(i) A certificate of title need not be obtained for a vehicle owned by a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale or lease, even though incidentally moved on the highway or used for purposes of testing or demonstration.

(j) A bus or school bus, as defined in section 4b or 57, that is not self-propelled and used exclusively as a construction shanty.

(k) A certificate of title need not be obtained for a moped.

(l) For 3 days immediately following the date of a properly assigned title or signed lease agreement from any person other than a vehicle dealer, a registration need not be obtained for a vehicle driven or moved upon the highway for the sole purpose of transporting the vehicle in the most direct route from the place of purchase or lease to a place of storage if the driver has in his or her possession the assigned title showing the date of sale or lease agreement showing the date of the lease.

(m) A certificate of registration need not be obtained for a pickup camper, but a certificate of title shall be obtained.

(n) A new motor vehicle driven or moved upon the highway only for the purpose of moving the vehicle from an accident site to a storage location if the vehicle was being transported on a railroad car or semitrailer that was involved in a disabling accident.

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